

Canada's Leading Insurance Defence Practice Grows Again

Gilbert Hourani, Pierre Visockis join BLG's Insurance and Tort Liability Practice

Montréal (November 21, 2018) — Borden Ladner Gervais LLP (BLG) is delighted to welcome [Gilbert Hourani](#) as partner in the [Insurance and Tort Liability Group](#) along with [Pierre Visockis](#) — counsel, and [Marc-André McCann](#) and [Samuel Robichon](#) — associates, all of whom are based in Montréal.

With an extensive background in insurance law, Gilbert specializes in professional liability, with a particular expertise in relation to contractors and engineers. He advises and represents Canadian and international insurers engaged in business in Canada along with some of Canada's largest construction companies, acting as both a litigator and risk manager. He frequently advises insurers on coverage provided by commercial and professional insurance policies. In addition, for over 20 years, Gilbert has led the Barreau du Québec's Annual Insurance Law Seminar.

"Gilbert's experience and depth of legal knowledge will be of great benefit to our clients," said [Cindy Clarke](#), BLG's national group head, Specialized Litigation. "He is well known for his ability to resolve claims through efficient, pragmatic and innovative solutions."

Prior to joining BLG, Gilbert was a partner at a Montréal-based law firm where his practice was focused on professional liability, insurance law and construction. He has also dedicated part of his practice to challenging insurance fraud and arson claims.

Like Gilbert, Pierre Visockis brings experience relating to insurance and torts, including professional and product liability and errors and omissions, complementing the strengths of the firm's insurance and tort liability practice all around. He also advises clients on construction law.

BLG has developed a pre-eminent insurance defence practice, centred around creative problem-solving. We are unique in the breadth and depth of talent of our insurance defence team across the country, with over 50 lawyers and 20 law clerks practising in Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Montréal. BLG's [Insurance and Tort Liability Group](#) has extensive experience defending complex insurance claims including class actions. Our practice also includes the drafting of policy wordings, the interpretation of all types of insurance policies, coverage opinions, the defence of direct actions against insurers, prosecution of subrogated claims and participation in negotiation, mediation and arbitration procedures.

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